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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed April 22, 2005, and the following comments are provided for the public record. While Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's statements that the prior art of record fails to show certain claim limitations, Applicant notes that the invention is defined by the claims of the application. Therefore, in accordance with the applicable statutes, regulations and case law, Applicant reserves the right to distinguish the invention over the prior art based upon any element or combination of elements set forth in the claims. For example, claim 45 is submitted to distinguish over the cited art on the basis outlined in the Supplemental Amendment mailed on April 8, 2005.

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Supplemental Amendment

Applicant hereby puts the public on notice that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are not considered to limit the claims and each of the claims will be interpreted and enforced as broadly as it is written. Applicant further notes that the entire range of equivalents that may be available for each claim limitation is hereby reserved and is not affected by any of the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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